Amendments To The Specification:

In the English translation document, please delete the term --Description-- at page 1 line 1, before the title.

In the English translation document, please amend the title at page 1 line 3, as follows:

~~--Releasing connections in communication networks~~ CALL RELEASE IN COMMUNICATION NETWORKS--

In the English translation document, please add the paragraph at page 1 line 4, after the title, as follows:

--CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is the US National Stage of International Application No. PCT/EP2004/050700, filed May 04, 2004 and claims the benefit thereof. The International Application claims the benefits of European Patent application No. 10338055.8 DE filed August 19, 2003, all of the applications are incorporated by reference herein in their entirety.--

In the English translation document, please insert the section heading at page 1 line 4, after the newly added CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS section, as follows:

--FIELD OF THE INVENTION--

In the English translation document, please insert the section heading at page 1 line 13, as follows:

--BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION--

In the English translation document, please insert the section heading at page 10 line 16, as follows:

--SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION--

In the English translation document, please insert the section heading at page 17 line 29, as follows:

--BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS--

In the English translation document, please insert the section heading at page 18 line 18, as follows:

--DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION--

In the English translation document, please amend the paragraph beginning at page 20 line 15, as follows:

-- Figure 3 shows messages $N_{H.248/MGCP}$ from the controller ~~MGC_A~~ $\underline{MGC_B}$ to the gateway MG_{EGRESS}, N_{IN} (as an embodiment of a notification M_{IN}) from the gateway MG_{EGRESS} to the gateway $MG_{INGRESS}$, $N_{FAILURE}$ from the gateway $MG_{INGRESS}$ to the controller MGC_A, N_{SS7} from the controller MGC_A to the network $PSTN_A$, as well as optional notifications $M_{TDM\ (A)}$ and $M_{TDM\ (B)}$ from the two gateways MG to the networks $PSTN_A$ and $PSTN_B$ indicated by means of an index in each case, which notifications are transmitted in particular during recovery of the inventive controller MGC_B assigned to the gateway MG_{EGRESS}.--

In the English translation document, please amend the paragraph beginning at page 22 line 23, as follows:

--After receiving the control messages ~~$H_{H.248/MGCP}$~~ $\underline{N_{H.248/MGCP}}$, the gateway $MG_{INGRESSS}$ releases the indicated connection(s) in its (their) context in accordance with the standard-compliant responses. In addition, as a response to the indicated error cause, it allows the associated PCM links to fail physically and activates them again after a certain time period which is dimensioned such that the hardware maintenance function of conventional TDM switching nodes S on the opposite side notice and flag the failure. As a consequence, the bearers $ISDN_A$, TDM_A are then released in the usual way in the network $PSTN_A$ and the charging G is stopped close in time to the interruption of the end-to-end connection.--

In the English translation document, please amend the paragraph beginning at page 23 line 2, as follows:

--For the exemplary embodiment of the high-level recovery of an egress-side controller ~~MGC_A~~ $\underline{MGC_B}$, messages N and notifications M of the invention are shown in Figure 3. In this case all still existing calls are released in the assigned gateway MG_{EGRESS}, whereby it is assumed that this is indicated to the gateway MG_{EGRESS} by the controller MGC_B by means of control messages ~~$H_{H.248/MGCP}$~~ $\underline{N_{H.248/MGCP}}$ analogously to the ingress-side exemplary embodiment.--

In the English translation document, please amend the paragraph beginning at page 23 line 10, as follows:

--After receiving the control messages ~~$H_{H.248/MGCP}$~~ $\underline{N_{H.248/MGCP}}$, the gateway $MG_{EGRESSS}$ releases the indicated connection(s) in its (their) context in accordance with the standard-compliant responses. In addition, as a response to the indicated error cause, the gateway $MG_{INGRESS}$ is notified of the release of the connection(s) on the resource control layer RCL. This notification M_{IN} is effected, for example, by means of special messages N_{IN} for all the bearer streams RTP associated with the released connections, which messages are embodied e.g. as packets RTCP with a parameter value Packet Loss = 100 %. This takes place as close in time as possible to the releasing of the connections. Advantageously the sending of the messages N_{IN} is smoothed in order to avoid floods of messages.--